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Dear Mr. Haddock:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Southern Utah Fuel Company's Mining and Reclamation Plan which you mailed to us last week. It is the amendment submitted to you by the company with their February 12 letter, and addresses the construction of an electrical substation pad with fence at their Convulsion Canyon Mine in Sevier County, Utah. Our concerns and needs are as follows:

1. The proposed location of the pad and fence is on and across the existing trail which is used to trail permitted cattle between Convulsion Canyon and East Spring Canyon. Installation of the pad and fence would block such use. The need to trail cattle through the area will remain in the future, and provisions to accommodate it are needed as a condition of approval for the proposal.
2. The amendment does not address protection of salvaged topsoil. Provisions to protect stockpiled topsoil from wind and water erosion, unnecessary compaction, and contamination by undesirable materials is needed if not adequately provided for elsewhere.
3. The amendment narrative (p. 1, para. 3) state that drainage from the pad will be routed across the parking lot to the sediment pond. The plans (Drawing No. D-326-C-101) show the pad will be insloped 1% with finished grade elevations of 7551.3 and 7552.0 feet at the inner and outer edges, respectively. As shown on Map 83-2, the parking lot elevation at a point near the pad is 7555.2. Observations at our site inspection also indicated the parking lot to be 3 to 5 feet higher in elevation than the northwest corner stake for the pad.

Also, we can find nothing about the grade, length, or other information regarding the drainage ditch leading to the parking lot.

More information is needed regarding how and by what means the drainage objectives are to be achieved.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposal and look forward to receiving the additional information needed to allow a full assessment of the proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please contact Val Norman or Lynn Findlay at 896-9233.

Sincerely,

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